

selecting none, some, or all of the cards to be held in the NxN array of  
cards of any said cards within said NxN array;

dealing new cards to replace unselected cards within said NxN array; and

determining the poker hand rankings of predefined N card arrangements.

**Kindly Add the New Claims as Follows:**

Claim 21 - A method for playing a poker game, comprising in combination:

dealing, face up, a NxN array of cards;

selecting some, none, or all of any of the cards within said NxN array of  
cards to be held;

replacing unselected cards with new cards; and

determining the poker hand rankings of predefined N card arrangements  
wherein any said card is implicated in at least two N card arrangements of hands.

Claim 22 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 21 further  
comprising wagering on one or more said N card arrangements prior to said dealing step.

Claim 23 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 22 further comprising  
comparing said determined poker hand rankings to a pay table and paying a multiple of  
said wager according to a payout schedule in said pay table.

Claim 24 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 23 further comprising  
providing a 52 card deck for dealing and replacing said cards.

Claim 25 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 24 defining N as five and including at least each five card row and each five card column in said predefined N card arrangements.

Claim 26 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 25 further including at least said five card diagonal groups of cards in said predefined N card arrangements.

Claim 27 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 24 defining N as three and including at least each three card row and each three card column in said predefined N card arrangements.

Claim 28 - The method for playing the poker game of claim 27 further including at least said three card diagonal groups of cards in said predefined N card arrangements.

Claim 29 - A method for playing a poker game utilizing a standard 52 card playing deck, comprising in combination:

dealing 25 cards face up in a five row by five column arrangement;

permitting a player to hold none, some, or all of any of said 25 cards;

replacing each card not held with a card from the remaining cards in the deck; and

comparing each five card row and column group of cards to predefined poker rules to determine ten hand rankings.